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SUBJ: 1) ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCES 20 OF 57 JANUARY 15 SUSPECTS
RELEASED SO FAR; 2) SJAHRIR REJECTS CHARGES

1. DURING APRIL 7 PRESS CONFERENCE, ATTORNEY GENERAL ALI SAID
ANNOUNCED THAT 20 OF 57 INDIVIDUALS ORIGINALLY DETAINED FOR
SUSPECTED INVOLVEMENT IN JANUARY 15, 1974 AFFAIR, WHOM HE
NAMED, HAVE BEEN RELEASED, AND TWO (HARIMAN SIREGAR AND
SJAHRIR) HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO TRIAL. (NOTE: ONE OTHER
DETAINEE, RAMADI, DIED WHILE IN JAIL.)

2. SAID EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CASES OF MOST OF THE 34 REMAIN-
ING DETAINEES COULD BE RESOLVED THIS YEAR. HE ANNOUNCED THAT
FOUR MORE SUSPECTS WOULD BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL "AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE," AND THAT THE FIRST OF THESE WOULD BE "AC"(BELIEVED
TO BE AINI CHALID, U OF GADJAH MADA STUDENT AND DISCUSSION
GROUP LEADER).

3. THIS IS FIRST TIME, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, GOVERNMENT HAS
ANNOUNCED NUMBER OF ORIGINAL JANUARY 15 DETAINEES (57)
AND IDENTIFIED ALL THOSE RELEASED. NAMES OF
RELEASEES GIVEN BY SAID--WITH IDENTIFICATION WHERE
AVAILABLE FROM EMBASSY RECORDS--ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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AMINUDDIN(PROBABLY AMINUDDIN OR AMIN SH), GUPPI (GOLKAR

MOSLEM FRONT) ORGANIZER: COL DJUHRO SUMINTADILAGA (DEC),
EX-SILIWANGI INTELLIGENCE CHIEF, DIED AFTER RELEASE; YAP
THIAM HIEN, PROMINENT CIVIL RIGHTS LAWYER, PROTESTANT
LAYMAN; TJALI HUTAGALUNG, U OF I STUDENT LEADER; FAHMI
IDRIS, GENERATION OF '66 STUDENT LEADER, EX HMI LEADER;
SALIM KADAR, LABOR LEADER; SOEWADI, PROBABLY MAJGEN SUADI
SURMOHARDJO, "SUKARNOIST" FORMERLY AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA;
IMAM WALUYO, GENERATION OF '66 ACTIVIST, EDITOR, THIRD
PARTY ADVOCATE: (FOLLOWING ARE UNIDENTIFIED) BENNY A
FATAH, A S HASANNUDIN; KEMIS, ALIAS ABDURAHMAN; H KUSUMA;
MAKMUN; S NABABAN; M NUR, ALIAS PANGERAN JAYAKARTA;
ABDUL SALAM; RUDI A SIMARUPANG; PEITER TARIGAN; SB.
TAMBUNAN; ZAINUDDIN.

4. MEANWHILE, SECOND JANUARY 15 TRIAL IS
GRINDING TOWARD CONCLUSION. DEFENDANT SJHRIR
APRIL 7 IN DEFENSE SUMMATION REJECTED ALL CHARGES AND
PROSECUTION DEMAND FOR 16 YEAR SENTENCE. TRIAL WILL
RESUME APRIL 17 AND SHOULD BE CONCLUDED AROUND END OF
MONTH.
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